

Dear Mr. Jaffe:

Being one who grew up with a yard full of hens as friends,  
I am requesting that the FDA ban the practice of 'forced molting' in 'laying' birds  
because it is done to profit the egg industry and is of no benefit to the birds what-  
soever. Scientific studies show that the stress of this practice results in an increase  
in intestinal *Salmonella* and the transmission of the organism to uninfected hens.  
Additionally, because these birds are intentionally starved, they consume con-  
taminated feathers in an effort to reduce their hunger. Protect the birds and consumers,  
not egg industry profits.

Sincerely,

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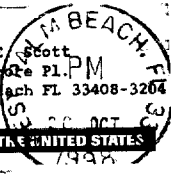
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